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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, DIVISION IV OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: CR-2014-01193

MOTION FOR EXPERT FUNDS

vs.

JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR,

Defendant.

COMES NOW, the Defendant, JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR, by and through the Mohave County Public Defender's Office, counsel undersigned, and requests \$10,000 in initial funds to conduct a psychological evaluation.

Mr. Rector is charged with First Degree Murder, an offense that is potentially punishable by the death penalty. The Mohave County Attorney's Office has notified defense counsel that it is contemplating filing a Notice to Seek Death Penalty in this case. The prosecutor has invited the defense to proffer any proposed mitigation in an effort to dissuade it from filing the Notice. In order to adequately represent Mr. Rector and hopefully avoid filing of the Notice, the defense requires funding to hire a mental health expert and to obtain medical/mental health records.

Counsel has already determined that Mr. Rector does suffer from some mental health issues. At this time counsel needs the assistance of a mental health expert to screen and/or diagnose any psychiatric disorders. The selected expert has estimated the cost at this stage to be approximately \$10,000.

To date, counsel has received minimal disclosure on this case. Additional areas requiring the assistance of an expert will likely arise as further information is disclosed, and as this case progresses.

Mr. Rector respectfully requests that this Court authorize an initial \$10,000 so that counsel can immediately hire the appropriate mental health expert to assist in acquiring mitigation that may persuade the prosecutor to not seek death in this case. Additional funding will be necessary if the State does elect to seek the death penalty or if this case is not quickly resolved.

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

Mohave County Public Defender

A copy of the foregoing sent this 214 day of October 2014 to:

Greg McPhillips, Deputy Mohave County Attorney's Office

Honorable Lee Jantzen

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